

Committee Meetings

BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION PROTOCOL

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security, Veterans' Affairs, and International Relations held a hearing on Biological Weapons Convention Protocol: Status and Implications. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

INTERNET FREEDOM AND BROADBAND DEPLOYMENT ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Held a hearing on H.R. 1542, Internet Freedom and Broadband Deployment Act of 2001. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

COAST GUARD AUTHORIZATION ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a modified open rule on H.R. 1699, Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2001, providing one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. The rule provides that the bill be open for amendment at any point. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Congressional Record and pro forma amendments for the purpose of debate. The rule provides that each amendment printed in the Congressional Record may be offered only by the Member who caused it to be printed or his designee, and that each amendment shall be considered as read. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Finally, the rule provides that House Resolutions 130, 147, 149 and 150 are laid on the table. Testimony was heard from Chairman Young of Alaska and Representative LoBiondo.

CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS TO SUSPEND THE RULES

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a resolution providing that certain suspensions will be in order at any time on the legislative day of Wednesday, June 6, 2001.

Joint Meetings

RUSSIAN HUMAN RIGHTS

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki Commission): Commission concluded hearings to assess the state of human rights and civil liberties in Russia since President Vladimir Putin took office just over one year ago, including the continuing war in Chechnya, the takeover of the NTV television network and pressures on the media, and apparent

attempts by Russian security services to intimidate scientists and environmental activities, after receiving testimony from John Beyrle, Acting Special Advisor to the Secretary for the New Independent States, Department of State; Elena Bonner, Andrei Sakharov Foundation, and Emil Pain, Woodrow Wilson International Center Kennan Institute for Advanced Russian Studies, both of Moscow, Russia; and Paul Goble, Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, Washington, D.C.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST of May 14, 2001, p. D440)

S. 700, to establish a Federal interagency task force for the purpose of coordinating actions to prevent the outbreak of bovine spongiform encephalopathy (commonly known as "mad cow disease") and foot-and-mouth disease in the United States. Signed on May 24, 2001. (Public Law 107-9)

H.R. 428, concerning the participation of Taiwan in the World Health Organization. Signed on May 28, 2001. (Public Law 107-10)

H.R. 1696, to expedite the construction of the World War II memorial in the District of Columbia. Signed on May 28, 2001. (Public Law 107-11)

H.R. 802, to authorize the Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor. Signed on May 30, 2001. (Public Law 107-12)

H.R. 581, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to use funds appropriated for wildland fire management in the Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2001, to reimburse the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service to facilitate the interagency cooperation required under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 in connection with wildland fire management. Signed on June 3, 2001. (Public Law 107-13)

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of June 6 through June 9, 2001

Senate Chamber

During the remainder of the week, Senate will continue consideration of S. 1, Elementary and Secondary Education Act Authorization, and may consider any other cleared legislative and executive business.